

Moreover, the present invention relates to an image processing apparatus for carrying out the predetermined correction processing with respect to one or more items regarding the image quality of color images. The image processing apparatus comprises a judgment device to judge the necessity of correction with respect to each item described above and a correction device to carry out the predetermined correction processing with respect to the item judged as required to be corrected during judgment.

Additionally, the image processing apparatus of the present invention comprises an image designation device to designate plural color images to be corrected, and a correction processing control device to judge the necessity of correction for the color images designated by the image designation device and for carrying out the predetermined correction processing on the basis of the result of the judgment.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 3-6 and 10-13.

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Amended) An image processing method, comprising:  
judging whether correction of image data of a color image is necessary based on the quality of at least one of sunset scene, the color image covered with a specific color, contrast and sharpness of the whole area of the image data; and  
performing a predetermined correction processing on the color image based on the judgment of the quality of the image data.

8. (Amended) An image processing apparatus, comprising:  
a memory which stores an image data of a color image;  
a judge section which judges whether correction of the color image based on the quality of at least one of sunset scene, the color image being covered with a specific color, contrast and sharpness of the whole area of the image data; and

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a correct section which performs a predetermined correction processing on the color image based on a judgment of the quality of the image data by the judge section.

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15. (Amended) A recording medium with a recorded program, the program performing:  
judging whether correction of image data of a color image is necessary based on the  
quality of at least one of sunset scene, the color image being covered with a specific color,  
contrast and sharpness of the whole area of the image data; and  
performing a predetermined correction processing on the color image based on the  
judgment of the quality of the image data.

Add the following new claims:

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16. (New) An image processing method according to claim 1, further comprising:  
converting color components R, G and B of the image data into hue data, lightness data  
and saturation data,  
wherein the hue data, lightness data and saturation data are used on the judgement of the  
quality of the image data.

17. (New) An apparatus according to claim 8, further comprising:  
a converter which converts color components R, G and B of the image data into hue data,  
lightness data and saturation data,  
wherein the hue data, lightness data and saturation data are used in the judgement of the  
quality of the image data of the judge section.